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House of Representatives, February 11, 1997

An Act to Amend the Hunting Laws As They Pertain to Antlerless Deer.

Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative POULIN of Oakland.
Cosponsored by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town.

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3 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7457, sub-§1, ¶H,** as amended by PL 1993, c.
5 574, §21, is further amended to read:

6 H. The commissioner may regulate the taking of antlerless
7 deer within any area of the State, as necessary, to maintain
8 deer populations in balance with available habitat if the
9 following conditions are met.

10 (1) The demarcation of each area must follow
11 recognizable physical boundaries such as rivers, roads
12 and railroad rights-of-way.

13 (2) The determination must be made and published prior
14 to August 1st of each year.

15 (3) The application fee for a permit to take an
16 antlerless deer may not exceed \$1. The application
17 must include a detachable portion on which the
18 applicant shall write the applicant's name and address
19 and to which the applicant shall affix a stamp of
20 adequate postage. The department shall return this
21 portion of the application to the applicant in
22 acknowledgement of the department's receipt of the
23 application.

24 (4) The commissioner may adopt rules necessary for the
25 administration, implementation, enforcement and
26 interpretation of this subsection, except that there
27 may not be an antlerless deer permit system unless
28 otherwise specified in this paragraph.

29 (5) An antlerless deer permit system adopted by the
30 commissioner pursuant to this section may include a
31 provision giving special consideration to landowners
32 who keep their lands open to hunting by the public.
33 For the purpose of determining acreage under this
34 subparagraph, parcels owned by the same person and
35 divided by a road may be considered one parcel.

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43 **SUMMARY**

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45 This bill gives a landowner whose land is divided by a road
46 the right to have that landowner's name placed in the lottery
47 drawing for antlerless deer.
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